

**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [LECTIONARY 24]**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**SABBATH REFLECTION**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” –John Darwall; setting, Gary Lanier  
*Mitchell Frey, trombone*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake**

**of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**\*GATHERING SONG "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW # 760**

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**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me.**

*(end)*

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray. O God,

**through suffering and rejection you bring forth our  
salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our  
lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn  
from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

### **TEACHING MOMENT**

## **\*GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

<sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.””

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**HOMILY** “Carrying Crosses”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

**\*SONG OF THE DAY** “God's Work, Our Hands” –Wayne L

Wold

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**God's work, our hands:**

**Working together,**

**Building a future,**

**Repairing the world,**

**Raising up homes,**

**Planting new gardens,**

**Feeding the hungry**

**And shelt'ring the cold.**

**Bless, God, our hands**

**As we work in your name,**

**Sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God's work, our feet:**

**Trav'ling together,**

**Following Jesus to places unknown,**

**Walking as friends,  
Marching for freedom,  
Running the race with God's future the goal.**

**Bless, God, our feet  
As we follow your way,  
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God's work, our voice:  
Singing together,  
Praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,**

**Praying for peace,  
Shouting for justice,  
Claiming God's love for the lost and the least.**

**Bless, God, our voice  
As we speak in your name,  
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting  
And bread's on the rise!**

**Washed and set free,  
Humbled and honored,  
Gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.**

**Bless, God, our lives  
As we answer your call,  
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

*(end)*

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

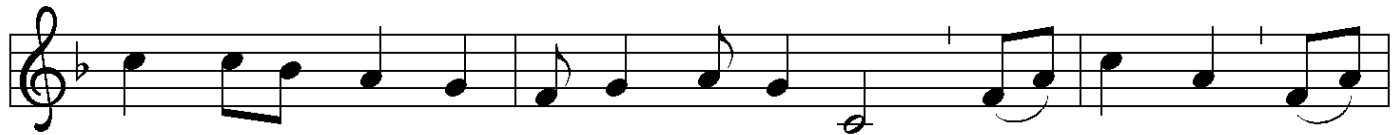
It is indeed right, our calling and our joy,  
That we should at all times and in all places  
Give thanks and praise to you,  
Almighty and merciful God,  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
And by his glorious resurrection,  
Opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
We praise your name  
And join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We will commune by pew sections. Please follow your usher's directions.

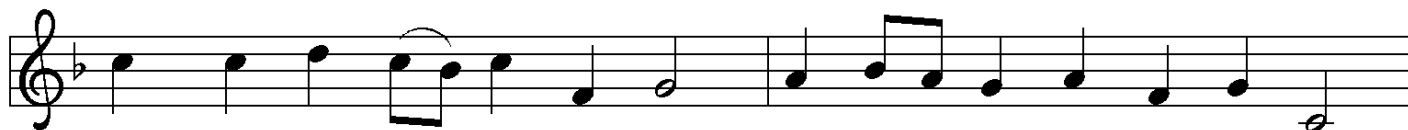
For all of those watching online and all who are gathered in this space, please pray for one another.

## \*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

## CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## \*SENDING PRAYER

## **\*BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Lifted Me”

–Traditional Spiritual

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